

May 6, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Richard A. Bowers, Scottsdale City Manager, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, May 13, 1999 - **1:30 p.m.**
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Please park in the garage under the Arizona Bank Building,
bring your ticket, parking will be validated.

Please be advised that under procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council, all MAG committees need to have a quorum to conduct the meeting. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your entity to represent you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lindy Bauer at 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of the March 11, 1999 Meeting Minutes</u>	2. For review and approval of the March 11, 1999 meeting minutes.
3. <u>Transportation Conformity Court Ruling</u>	3. For information and discussion.
On March 2, 1999, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia issued an opinion in the transportation conformity lawsuit, Environmental Defense Fund v. Environmental Protection Agency. The court found that several of	

the EPA 1997 conformity rules were inconsistent with the Clean Air Act. Consequently, the inconsistent rules were vacated by the court.

In response to the court ruling, MAG submitted additional emissions reduction tests for carbon monoxide and ozone to supplement the approved 1998 conformity finding on the current regional transportation program. On April 29, 1999, the Federal Highway Administration transmitted a letter reaffirming the approval of the October 20, 1998 conformity finding for the current MAG regional transportation plan and FY 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program, subject to additional guidance.

A presentation will be given on the implications of the court ruling and the additional emissions reduction tests for the approved 1998 conformity finding. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4. Draft Conformity Analysis of the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1999 Update

The Clean Air Act requires that the transportation plans and programs be in conformance with applicable air quality plans. A draft conformity analysis has now been prepared for the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Summary and 1999 Update.

On June 1, 1999, a public hearing will be conducted on the draft conformity analysis, TIP and LRTP. The supplemental conformity analysis (additional emissions reductions tests) for the 1998 approved conformity finding will also be included in the public hearing. The hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the MAG Office, Saguaro Room on the

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second floor. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Public Hearing on the Draft MAG 1999 Serious Area Plans for Carbon Monoxide and Particulates (PM-10)

On May 20, 1999, a public hearing will be conducted on the draft MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan and MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10. The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the MAG Office, Saguaro Room on the second floor. On June 3, 1999, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee will be requested to make a recommendation on the plans to the MAG Management Committee.

For your convenience, copies of the executive summaries for both plans are provided. These plans were discussed at the February 11 and March 11, 1999 committee meetings. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Air Quality Monitoring Data

For the last two calendar years, there have been no violations of the carbon monoxide standard and one-hour ozone standard. A presentation will be given by the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department on the latest air quality monitoring data.

7. Legislative Update

A brief legislative update will be given.

8. Call to the Public

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee.

9. Next Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 3, 1999 at 1:30 p.m.

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